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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
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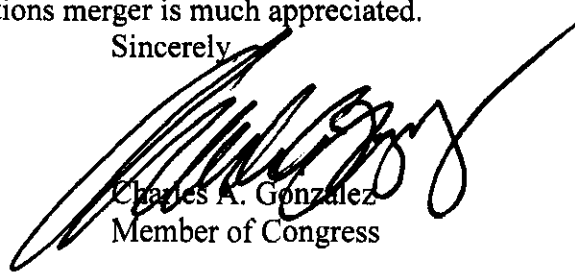
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) provide timely consideration of the proposed merger application of CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed on May 10, 2010.

CenturyLink and Qwest Communications have invested significantly in their broadband and voice networks, which under the proposed merger would benefit consumers in rural America who often have fewer options. I am encouraged that the merger would allow for additional improvements in broadband infrastructure in these underserved communities and thus, improve economic development opportunities. Furthermore, the merger would be implemented without any new debt or financing, which I believe places the combined entity on a financially sound path.

As you know, the merger has received approval from the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission as well as 12 states and the District of Columbia. Hence, your timely review of the CenturyLink and Qwest Communications merger is much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Charles A. Gonzalez
Member of Congress

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December 13, 2010

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Dear Congressman Gonzalez:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and "G".

Julius Genachowski